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For: *"Methods for the Purification and Aqueous Fiber Spinning of Spider Silks and other Structural Proteins"*

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**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application respectfully petition for an extension of time of three (3) months.

The time for responding to the Office Action dated December 19, 2000 was a three (3) months period expiring on March 19, 2001. The three (3) month extension of time extends the time set for response to June 19, 2001.

Please charge the fee set by 37 CFR 1.17(a) to the U.S. Army Material Command's Patent Office Deposit Account 19-2201 in the amount of \$890.00.

In the response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows: